



Course Description

CJL2062 | Constitutional Law and Legal Procedure or Evidence | 3.00 credits

An examination of the United States and Florida Constitutions, with emphasis on leading cases dealing with arrest, search and seizure, confessions and the rules of evidence.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will understand the establishment, function, and importance of the United States Constitution by:

1. Discussing the contributions of previous societies
2. Understanding the development of the federal government of the United States of America
3. Discussing an overview of the Constitution of the United States
4. Understanding the concept of federalism

Competency 2: The student will understand the U.S. Legal system by:

1. Understanding the development and law and the continued need for law
2. Defining the categories of law, including jurisdiction, procedural, and criminal vs. civil
3. Understanding the concept of an adversarial judicial system
4. Identifying the doctrines governing what cases will be heard by appellate courts

Competency 3: The student will analyze the Supreme Court of the United States by:

1. Understanding the authority for the Supreme Court
2. Examining the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court
3. Defining the concept of judicial review and granting certiorari
4. Discussing the Supreme Court Justices and the appointment process

Competency 4: The student will understand the concept of equal protection under the law and the balance of individual, state, and federal rights by:

1. Discussing the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments
2. Comparing and contrasting discrimination and prejudice
3. Identifying the roots of racial discrimination and the struggle for equality
4. Evaluating the concept of equal protection and due process in the criminal justice system as it relates to law enforcement, courts, and corrections

Competency 5: The student will evaluate the Bill of Rights as they relate to the criminal justice system by:

1. Analyzing the First Amendment related to freedom of speech, religion, freedom of the press, and right to peaceful assembly
2. Evaluating current case law related to the Second Amendment and the right to bear arms
3. Identifying the importance of the Fourth Amendment for criminal justice practitioners
4. Discussing rights guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment, including protection against self-incrimination, the due process guarantee, and protection from double jeopardy in criminal litigation
5. Analyzing the concepts of the Sixth Amendment as they relate to procedural due process
6. Differentiating between historical and modern interpretations of the cruel and unusual punishment clause of the Eighth Amendment

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information